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Amendment dated February 13, 2006
Response to Office Action of August 5, 2005

Remarks

Receipt is acknowledged of the Office Action dated August 5, 2005 in the above-captioned matter. Further thereto, a three month extension of the time provided for response is requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge all amounts due to Deposit Account 50-1604.

In the Office Action, the drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) on the grounds that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. It was therefore requested that the drawings illustrate the anti-inversion member of prior claim 26 (and which is now recited in claim 5). In response thereto, it is noted that the drawings already provided an example of the anti-inversion member. *See e.g.*, element 84 in Figure 9(c).

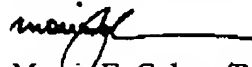
In the Office Action, claims 15 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. In response, it is believed that the rejection is now moot in view of the cancellation of those claims.

Further to the Office Action, the claims have been amended and new claims have been added as set forth above. The amended claims recite an apparatus which operates via application of negative pressure. Application of negative pressure is accomplished by suction (with negative pressure being a pressure level below atmospheric pressure).

The Examiner's review of the claims and reconsideration of the rejections is requested. It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims present allowable subject matter.

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